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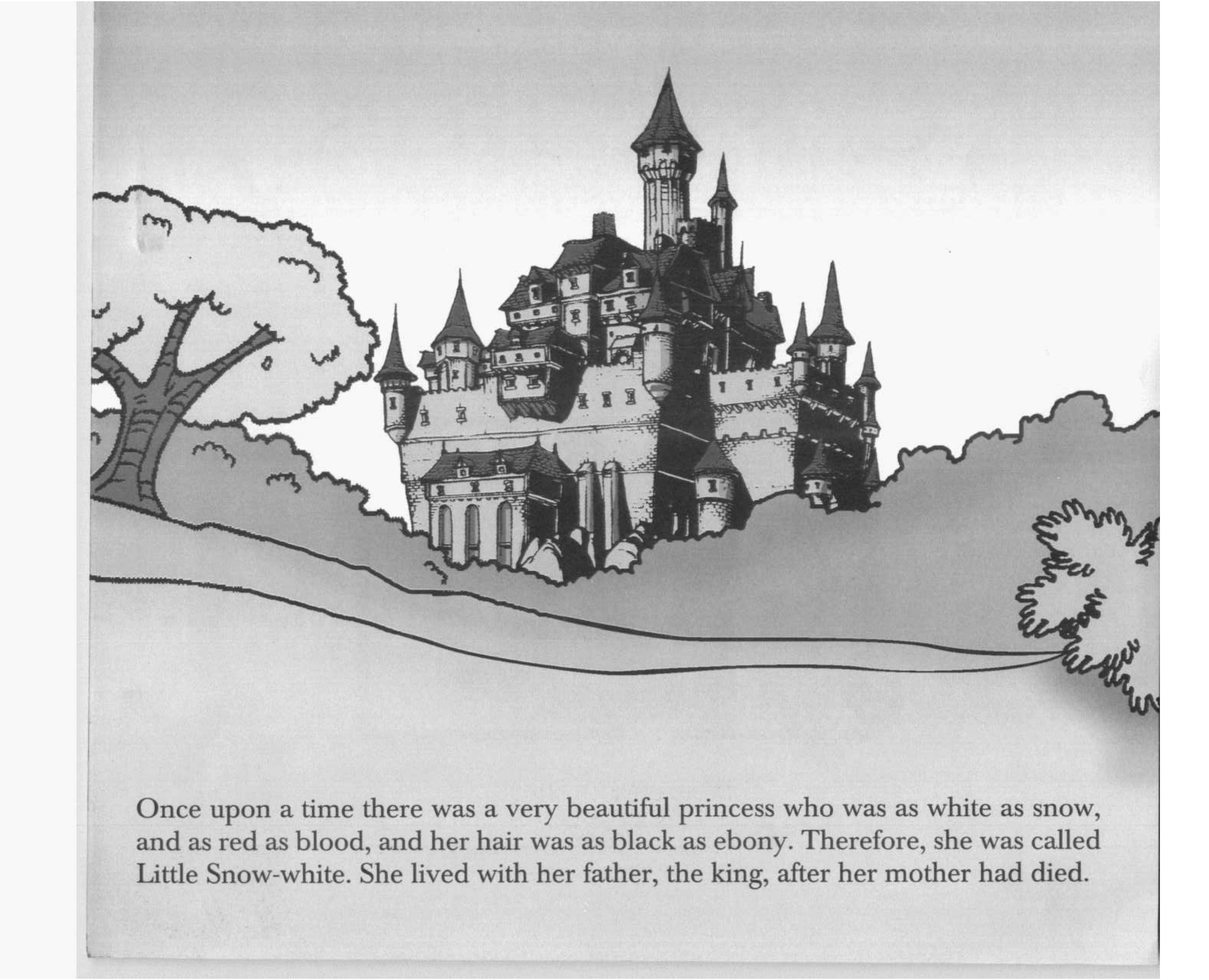
Snow White & Seven Dwarfs



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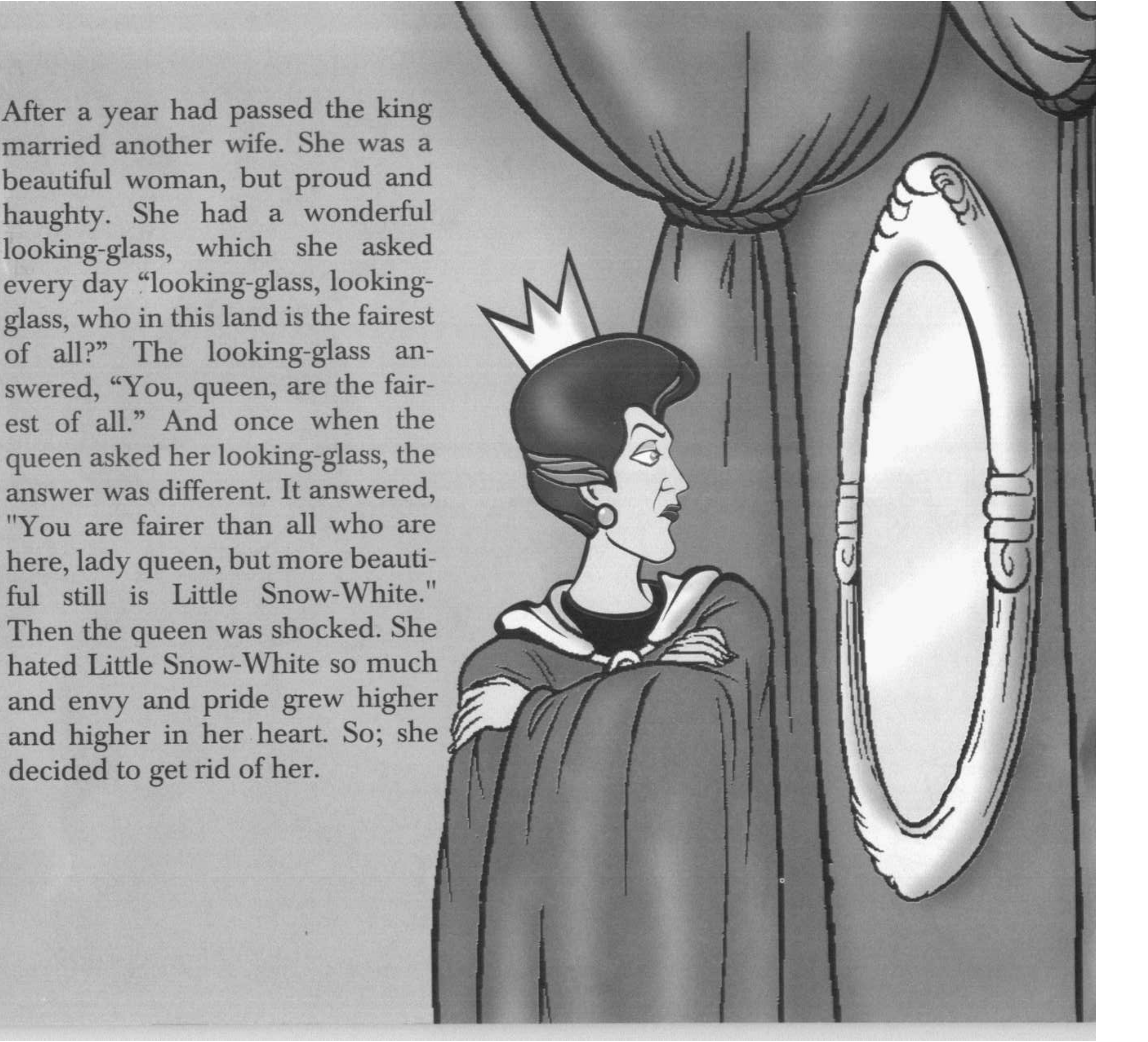
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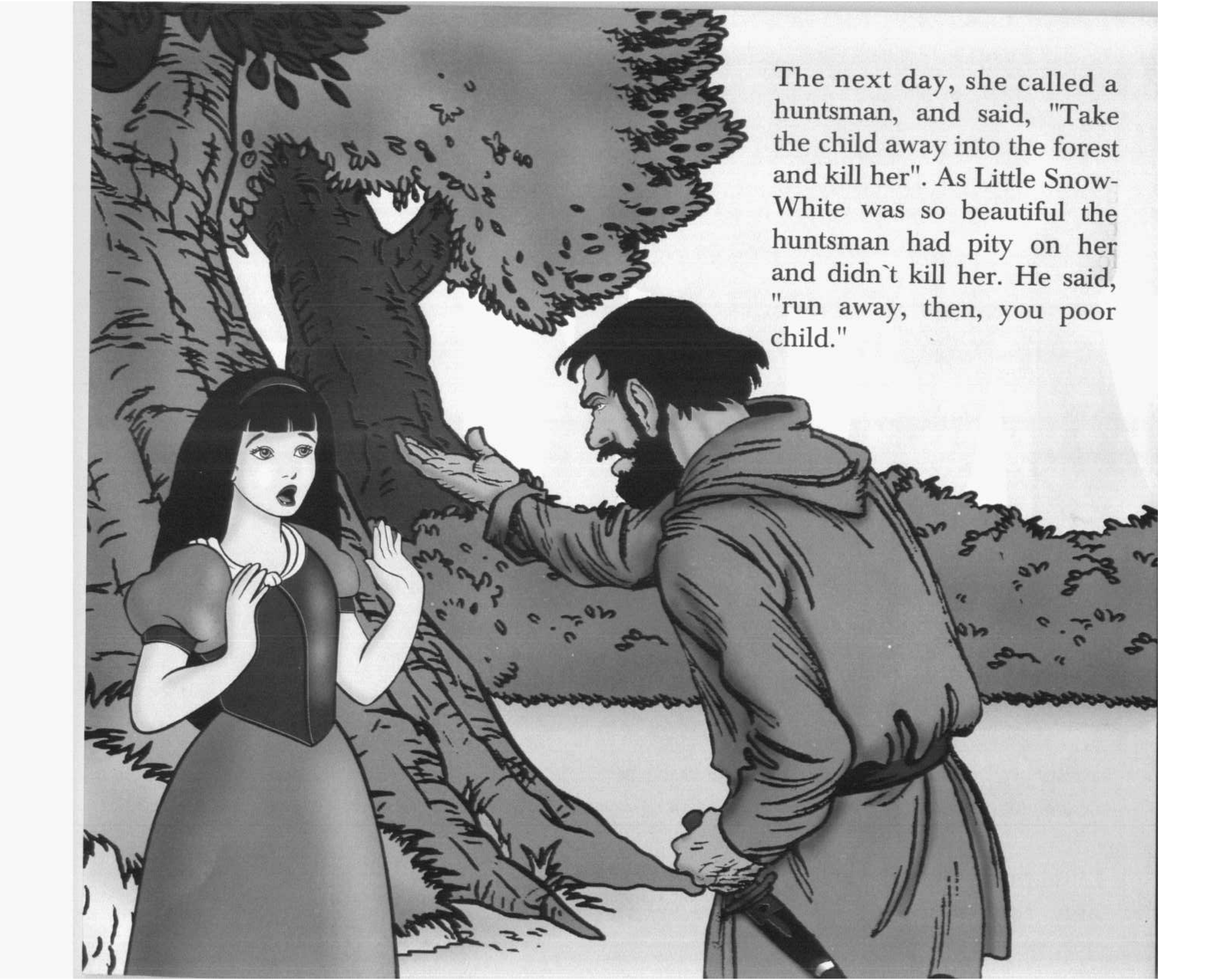


Once upon a time there was a very beautiful princess who was as white as snow, and as red as blood, and her hair was as black as ebony. Therefore, she was called Little Snow-white. She lived with her father, the king, after her mother had died.

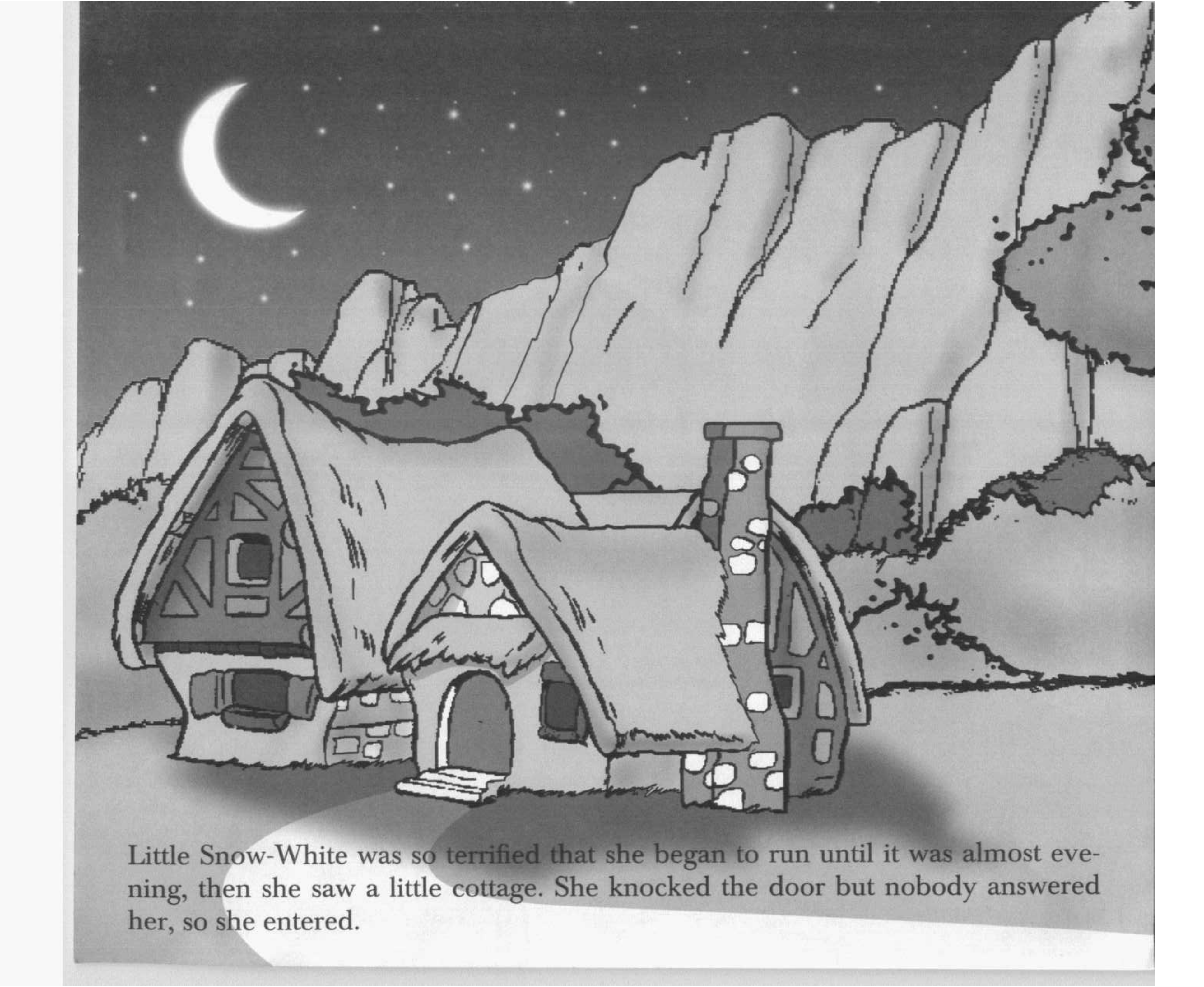


After a year had passed the king married another wife. She was a beautiful woman, but proud and haughty. She had a wonderful looking-glass, which she asked every day "looking-glass, looking-glass, who in this land is the fairest of all?" The looking-glass answered, "You, queen, are the fairest of all." And once when the queen asked her looking-glass, the answer was different. It answered, "You are fairer than all who are here, lady queen, but more beautiful still is Little Snow-White." Then the queen was shocked. She hated Little Snow-White so much and envy and pride grew higher and higher in her heart. So; she decided to get rid of her.

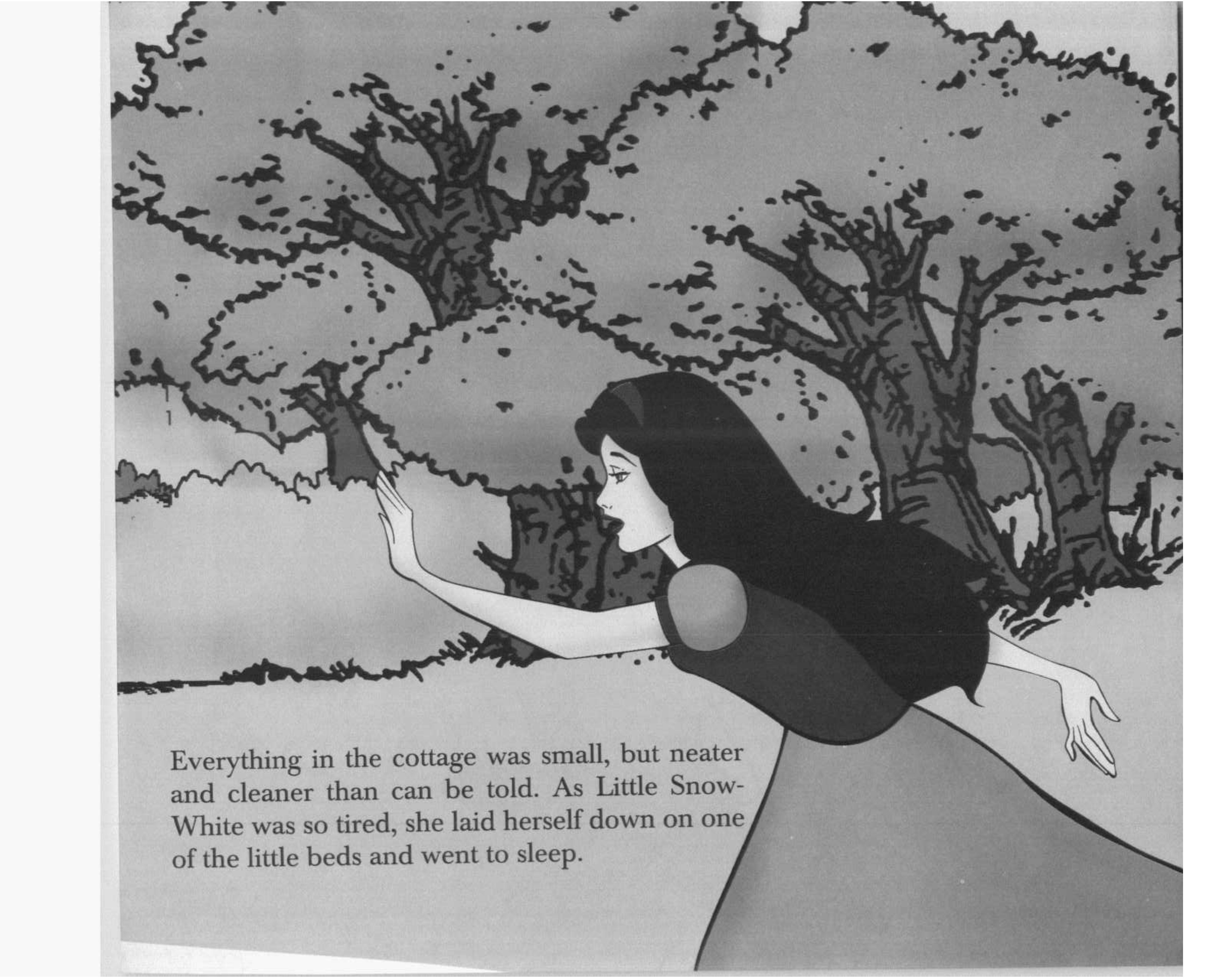




The next day, she called a huntsman, and said, "Take the child away into the forest and kill her". As Little Snow-White was so beautiful the huntsman had pity on her and didn`t kill her. He said, "run away, then, you poor child."

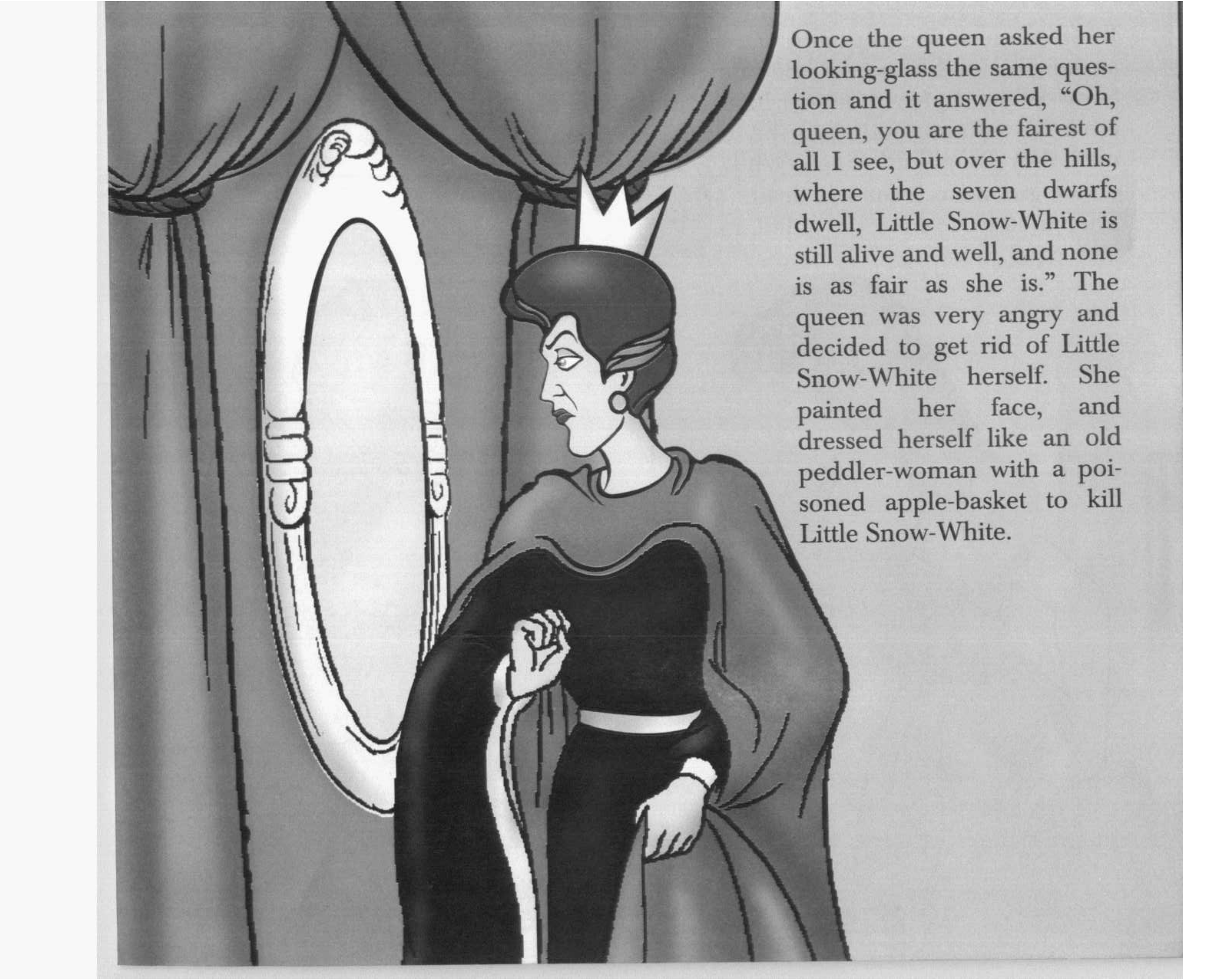


Little Snow-White was so terrified that she began to run until it was almost evening, then she saw a little cottage. She knocked the door but nobody answered her, so she entered.



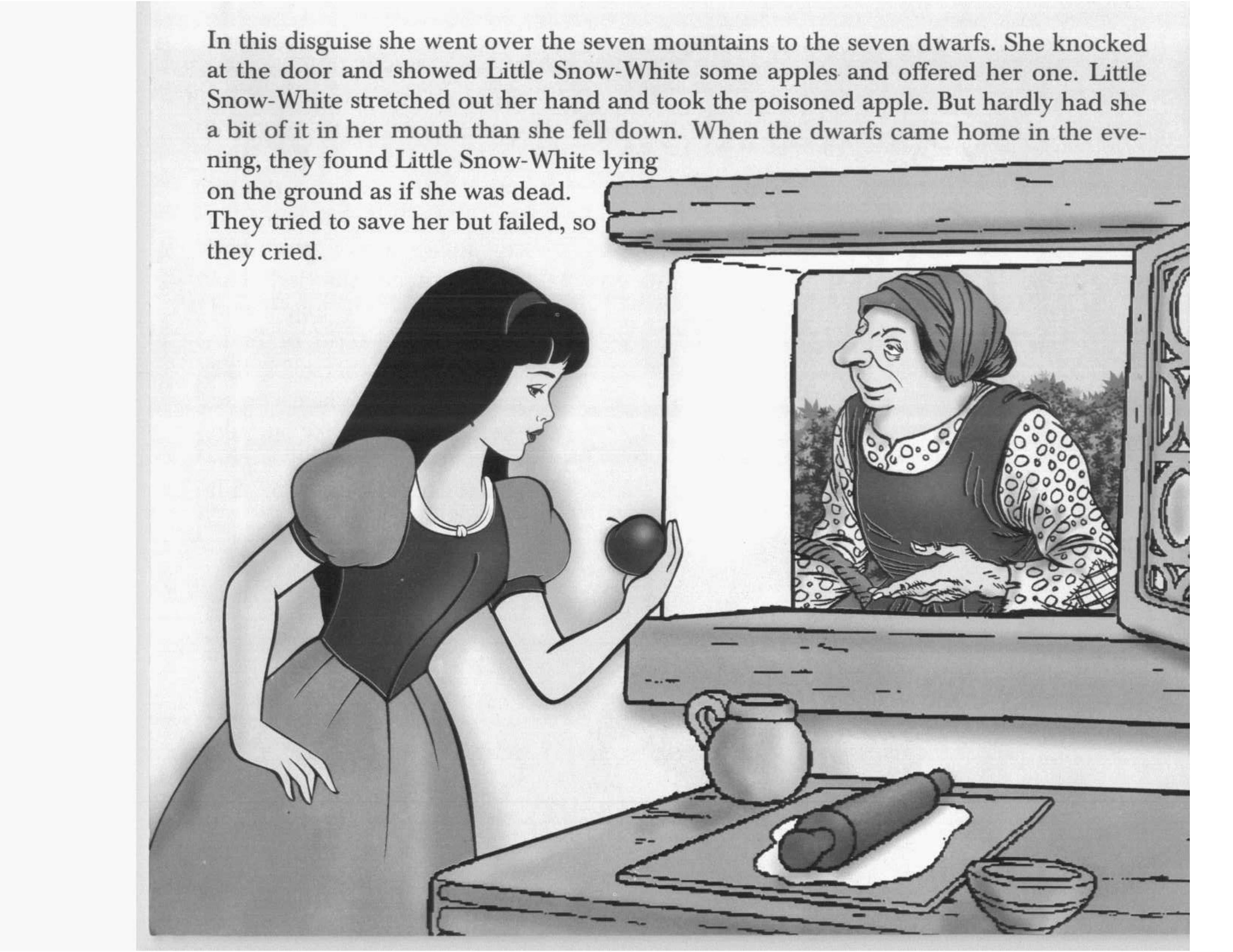
Everything in the cottage was small, but neater and cleaner than can be told. As Little Snow-White was so tired, she laid herself down on one of the little beds and went to sleep.

When it was morning, Little Snow-White awoke, and was frightened when she saw the seven dwarfs who owned the cottage , but they were friendly and asked her what her name was , "My name is Little Snow-White", she answered. Then she told them her story. The dwarfs let Little Snow-White stay with them forever. In the mornings they went to the mountains and looked for copper and gold, in the evenings they came back, and then their supper had to be ready. Little Snow-White lived happily with the seven dwarfs.

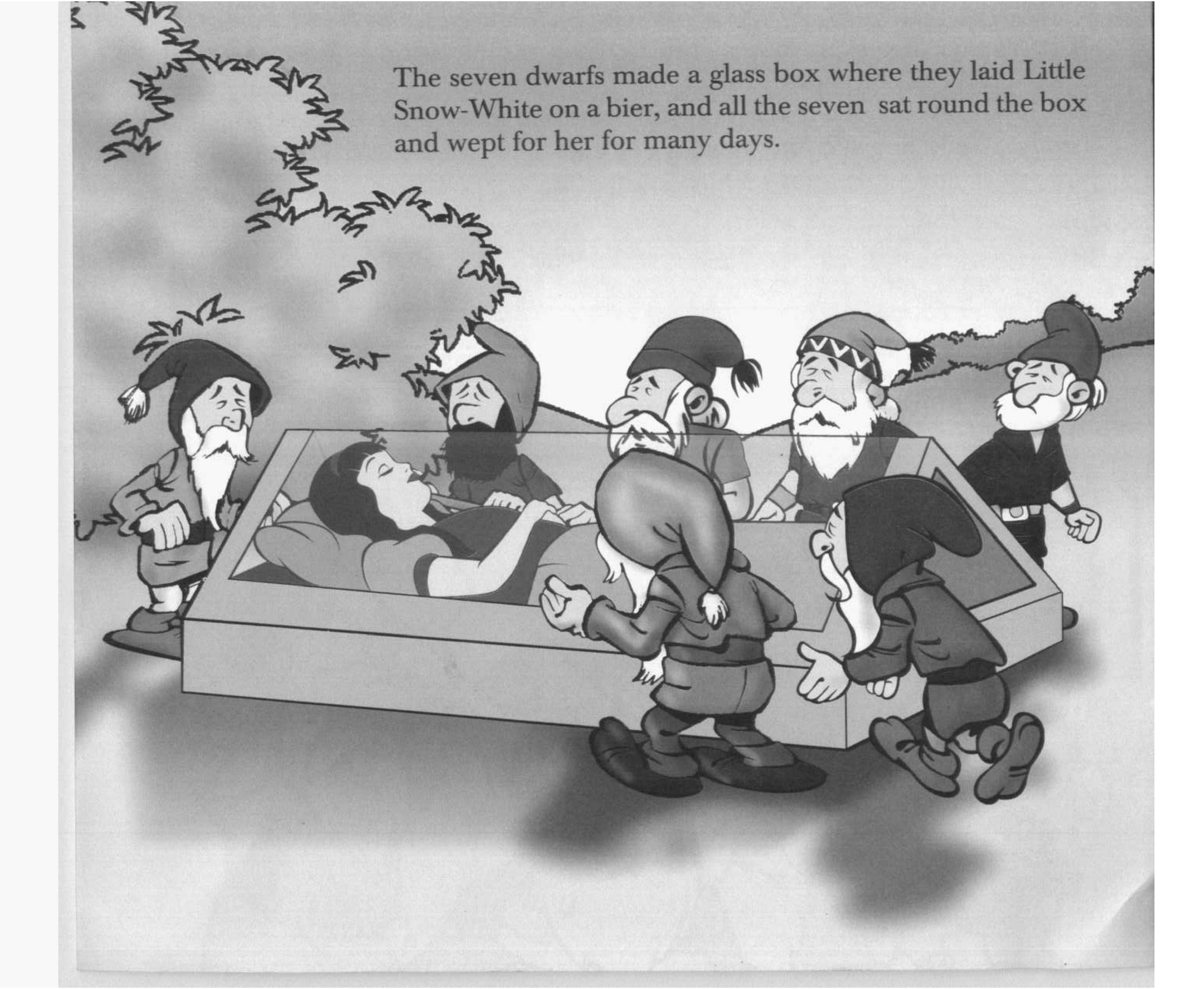


Once the queen asked her looking-glass the same question and it answered, "Oh, queen, you are the fairest of all I see, but over the hills, where the seven dwarfs dwell, Little Snow-White is still alive and well, and none is as fair as she is." The queen was very angry and decided to get rid of Little Snow-White herself. She painted her face, and dressed herself like an old peddler-woman with a poisoned apple-basket to kill Little Snow-White.

In this disguise she went over the seven mountains to the seven dwarfs. She knocked at the door and showed Little Snow-White some apples and offered her one. Little Snow-White stretched out her hand and took the poisoned apple. But hardly had she a bit of it in her mouth than she fell down. When the dwarfs came home in the evening, they found Little Snow-White lying on the ground as if she was dead. They tried to save her but failed, so they cried.



The seven dwarfs made a glass box where they laid Little Snow-White on a bier, and all the seven sat round the box and wept for her for many days.



It happened, however, that a prince passed by the dwarfs' house to spend the night and heard the story. He was taken by Little Snow-White`s beauty when he saw her inside the glass box . As soon as he had opened the box and touched her gently , Little Snow-White opened her eyes. The seven dwarfs were happy and the prince and Little Snow-White got married.

